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TO AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO PRIORITY

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TAGS: PINS, HA, DR, CS

SUBJECT: REPORT OF ARMED BOAT HEADED FROM COSTA RICA TO
HAITI

REF: PORT-AU-PRINCE 2055

USDAO SANTO DOMINGO 021544Z DEC.73

1. IN VIEW FACT THAT INFO CONTAINED TWO REFTELS VIRTUALLY
IDENTICAL, IT SEEMS VERY LIKELY GOH GOT IT FROM GODR. IF
SO, GOH PRESUMABLY INFORMED ALSO OF INTENTION GODR PATROL
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WATERS OFF WEST COAST OF HAITI.

2. THUS, IF EMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO HAS NO OBJECTION, SUGGEST EMBASSY PORT-AU-PRINCE RESPOND TO GOH REQUEST FOR SURVEILLANCE BY NOTING THAT USG INFORMED BY GODR OF VESSEL'S DEPARTURE FROM COSTA RICA AND SUGGEST THAT IN VIEW OF COMMON INTEREST OF TWO ISLAND GOVERNMENTS IN MEETING THIS CHALLENGE, THEY EXCHANGE INTELLIGENCE AND COORDINATE ANY COUNTERMEASURES.

3. FYI: GIVEN MANY SIMILAR ALARMS OF RECENT PAST AND SMALL SCALE OF PRESENT INVASION ATTEMPT (IF, INDEED, INFORMATION PROVIDED BY GODR AMBASSADOR IN SAN JOSE IS WE SEE NO NEED FOR USG FORCES BECOME INVOLVED. SITUATION MAY, HOWEVER, PROVIDE OCCASION IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN GODR AND GOH, AND EMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO AS WELL AS EMBASSY PORT-AU-PRINCE SHOULD BE ALERT TO ANY OPPORTUNITY TO ENCOURAGE COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO NEIGHBORS.

4. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED PORT-AU-PRINCE 2056, WILL TRY TO DEVELOP INFORMATION CONCERNING RELIABILITY OF REPORTS ON "CEIBO." MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, EMBASSY PORT-AU-PRINCE SHOULD PROCEED, IN ABSENCE OF ANY OBJECTION FROM EMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO, ALONG LINES OUTLINED PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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